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Dear Mr. Mendolia:

Re: Temporary Aquifer Protection Permit No. P-106360

I have reviewed various information regarding Curis' proposed project in the Florence area. After attending the December 5<sup>th</sup> hearing regarding the above matter and listening carefully to the various speakers, pro and con, I AM DEFINITELY AGAINST THIS PROJECT!

As you know, water is Arizona's most precious commodity and ANYTHING that threatens to in any way contaminate our water supply should be banned, no matter how slight the possibility. Frankly, the speakers who were in support of this project gave little reassurance that our water will not be affected by Curis' project. It appears the Curis representatives and powers-that-be give biased and sometimes incomplete information. One speaker (I don't think she was a Curis representative) quoted various percentages and dates where the public approved this project. She did not, however, say whether this was before or after all the information was actually submitted to the public nor what percentage of the public voted.

One interesting point made was that Curis is a Canadian company and, even though a bond has been or will be posted for any damages caused by its project, there is no way to know the cost to repair any such damages if, in fact, repairs could be made. Besides the cost, how can water be decontaminated? And more importantly, how many people might be adversely affected by contaminated water before any contamination is discovered, much less corrected? Also, what is the success rate, if any, of clean-up after other similar projects? It was pointed out that there are no success stories!

I trust that you and any other powers-that-be will consider any and all options regarding this proposed project and come to the final conclusion that it is not in the best interests of Arizona and its residents to allow Curis to proceed. In fact, since everyone else, including

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American businesses, go to Mexico or other countries, let the Canadians follow suit and take its business elsewhere!

As an aside, I noticed several occasions when the “moderators” were not even listening to the speakers and, in fact, were talking with each other. Even though this hearing was recorded, this seems a bit disrespectful to the speakers and attendees. I hope this is not indicative of the attitudes of the people making the final decisions in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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